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In re Application of Jentsch Application No. 09/924,157 Filed: August 7, 2001 Attorney Docket No. 0828-022

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition filed April 1, 2002, and supplemented October 3, 2002, which are collectively being treated as a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 to treat the German priority document present on filing as a non English language specification, and accord those application papers a filing date of August 7, 2001.

The petition is granted.

Inspection of the certified translation filed August 27, 2001, of the certified priority document present on August 7, 2001, (German 100388917) reveals that the German priority document contained a specification, at least one claim, and a drawing referred to in that specification, and as such, is entitled a filing date.

The translation of the priority document filed on August 27, 2001, as it was filed after August 7, 20001 will not be further used for purposes of obtaining a filing date, but may be employed as the necessary English language translation.

This application is being returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for correction of USPTO archival records for this application by scanning the certified copy of German Application No. 100388917 as the United States application papers, and accord these papers a filing date of August 7, 2001, with an indication that 5 claims and 1 sheet of drawing were present on filing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-1820.

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